Mr. Speaker: I take it that that is the sense of the House.

(Hon'ble Members desired to adjourn the House and meet at 3 p. m.)

The House adjourned at 2-40 p. m. and re-assembled at 3 p. m. with Mr. Speaker in the Chair

Sri. K. Balakrishna Menon: Sir, I rise to a point of order. As the date for the presentation of the budget has to be fixed according to Rule 44 of the Legislative Assembly Rules and Standing Orders by the Rajapramukh and as it has not been done so now, the presentation of the Budget today is out of order.

Mr. Speaker: Rule 44 states that the budget shall be presented to the Assembly on such day as the Rajpramukh may appoint.

Sri. K. Balakrishna Menon: Sir, originally the Assembly was summond by the Rajpramukh to meet on the 23rd February for this purpose. But since this date has been changed, I would state that neither this House nor, for that matter, the Speaker has any right to change the date and fix another one. That ought to have been done by the Rajpramukh. The present summons was issued, I believe, Sir, on your direction.

Mr. Speaker: The date has been fixed in conformity with the provisions of Rule 44. But that is not a matter of which information has to be conveyed to the House under the Rules. So, it is in order. The Finance Minister may now present the Budget for 1951—52.

PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 1951—52

Minister for Finance and Revenue **(Sri. A. J. John):** Sir, I rise to present to the House the Revised Estimate for the year 1950—51 and the Budget Estimate for the year 1951—52. This is the third Budget which I am privileged to present to this House.

2. At the outset, I must refer to the irreparable loss which the nation has suffered by the death of Sardar Vallabhai Patel. We can hardly yet realise the magnitude of the blow which has fallen on the country. The heroic part which the Sardar played in the country's struggle for freedom is now part of history. His monumental work in bringing about the integration of the Indian States and in welding them together as integral parts of the Indian Union, will remain for ever as one of the greatest achievements of all times. The Sardar was a staunch friend of the States, to whom we could always look up for advice and guidance in our difficult tasks. It is for us now to follow his foot-steps by dedicating ourselves sincerely and with whole-hearted devotion, to the fulfilment of the great task, which he set before himself, of acheving for our mother-land peace, strength and prosperity.

3. The world today is passing through a most critical period. While the nations are still struggling to get over the terrible after-effects of the Second World War, a third World War, which might annihilate civilisation itself, is threatening to break out at any moment. It is a matter for genuine pride to us in India that our Prime Minister is striving so hard to save the world from such a terrible catastrophe and that his wise counsel and courageous leadership are acclaimed by all lovers of peace throughout the world. We hope and pray that his efforts will be crowned with success and that the world will enjoy enduring peace.

Federal Financial Integration

4. The budget which I am now presenting to the House is the second after federal financial integration. The sudden loss of our most important and elastic sources of revenue like customs, income-tax, etc., as a result of financial integration would have seriously upset our budgetary equilibrium, but for the guaranteed reimbursement of our revenue gap and the grant of enhanced food subsidy by the

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